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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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A one-month extension of the shortened time set for responding to the Office Action dated February 21, 2002, is requested. A check for \$100.00 is submitted herewith for the extension fee. You are authorized to charge any deficiency in the extension fee and any other fee that may be now due to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

**AMENDMENT TO DESCRIPTION**

You are requested to amend the second full paragraph on page 4 of the applicant's specification and the following paragraph, which bridges pages 4 and 5 thereof, as follows:

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The other part 14 of the clip has a base 26 and sides 28 that turn inwards at their ends 30 to a small extent. The part 14 has its internal corners rounded to correspond to the shape of conventional cross section down pipes. Of course, the part 14 of the clip may be of any desired shape, such as to fit circular section pipes. On their internal surfaces, the base 26 and sides 28 each has a pair of spaced ribs 32. The ends 30 of the sides 28 each also has on its internal surface at the end thereof a rib 34. The ribs 32 and 34 simply facilitate the fitting of a clip to a down pipe by reducing areas of contact and hence reducing friction between the clip and the down pipe.

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